

Amendment to the Title:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT FLOCCULANT, ~~METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE~~
~~FLOCCULANT AND WATER TREATMENT METHOD EMPLOYING THE FLOCCULANT~~

Amendment to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/935,516, filed on August 23, 2001, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/059,251, filed on April 14, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,316,507), which claims priority from the following Japanese Applications: Application No. P09-098584 9, filed April 16, 1997; Application No. P09-104069, filed April 22, 1997; and Application No. 10-087374, filed March 31, 1998. Applicant claims priority to and the benefit of the above-identified applications, the disclosures of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.